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1. AFTER SOME DIFFICULTY DUE TO HIS ABSENCE, I FINALLY HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS BAGHDAD AIRPORT PROJECT WITH YOUNIS AD-DADDAGH, CHAIRMAN OF AIRPORT PROJECT COMMITTEE IN MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS. PROJECT IS VALUED AT ABOUT 70 MILLION DOLLARS AND INVOLVES EXTENION OF EXISTING RUNWAY, NEW LARGER RUNWAY, NEW TERMINAL BUILDING AND ALL RELATED FACILITIES. PREQUALIFICATION NOTOCES WERE SENT TO SELECTED FIRMS IN JUNE WITH SHOW OF INTEREST REQUIRED BY JULY 20. U.S. FIRMS WERE INCLUDED AND THERE IS OBVIOUS INTEREST IN HAVING U.S. FIRMS PARTICIPATE IN FINAL BIDDING.

2. AD-DADDAGH SAID IT IS TOO LATE FOR NEW FIRMS TO ENTER PICTURE SINCE FINAL TENDER DOCUMENTS BEING SENT NEXT WEEK TO SLECTED FIRMS. HE COULD NOT YET REVEAL NAMES, BUT IT SEEMS AT LEAST TWO ARE AMERICAN :
GENERAL AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT COMPANY OF VIRGINIA; AND
CONSORTIUM OF BOEING AIR SYSTEM, THE AUSTIN COMPANY OF CLEVELAND AND DESIGH CORP OF PASADENA.

3. AD-DADDAGH SAID ALL 7 MEMBERS OF AIRPORT COMMITTEE PLAN TO VISIT U.S. IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH SLECTED FIRMS. THEY WILL ALSO VISIT SEVERAL EUROPEAN COUNTIRES.
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